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AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER H. LAMAR WILLS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VII  
DIVISION II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA SO AS TO PROVIDE  
THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY CITY  
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WILLFULLY WITHHOLD INFORMATION, MAKE  
FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS OR TO  
GIVE UNTRUE TESTIMONY BEFORE ANY OF ITS  
STANDING COMMITTEES; TO PROVIDE THAT  
ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO IS FOUND  
TO HAVE VIOLATED THIS PROVISION SHALL  
BE DISMISSED FROM THE EMPLOY OF THE  
CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First Reading

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Date Referred 5/16/05

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd

Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ FC Vote

DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATION

MAYOR'S ACTION

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**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council serves as the legislative branch of the government of the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, in reviewing legislation at committee meetings and carrying out various other duties, standing committees of the Council must rely on information provided by City Officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, information provided is used in making decisions that could prove to have substantial impact on the City, its general operations and the constituents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, City Officers and employees, when presenting to the Council or testifying before a standing committee, should be held accountable for their statements.

Now, Be And It Is Herby Ordained By The Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1. That within Article VII Division II, Section 2-826 shall be added and provide as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for any city officer or employee to knowingly and willfully withhold information, make false or misleading statements or give untrue testimony before any meeting of the city council or before any of its standing committees. Further, any such city officer who, after a hearing before the Board of Ethics, is found to have violated this provision, shall be dismissed from the employ of the city.

Section 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.